

ICEBREAKER

Have you ever been a recipient of an unexpected gift? Share the details and how did it make you feel to receive the blessing from someone.

SCRIPTURE READING

Read: 1 Kings 11:1-13

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

• Read: Romans 3:23

Just to make sure you know what we are talking about when we talk about sin, sin means “to miss the mark.” The mark, in this case, is the standard of perfection established by God and evidenced in the life of Jesus. However, we don’t have to remain in this lost state. Our sin doesn’t have to define the rest of our lives. There is hope. There is freedom. There is a future for the sinner like you and I.

David owned his sin. Solomon continued in his sin

David chose to repair the rift he caused by his sin in his relationship with God. He chose to own his sin by:

1. Confessing his sin.
2. Repenting of his sin (restoration)
3. and Return back to God.

Read: Psalm 51

Discuss what actions David writes about taking when it comes to his desire as to how to deal with the sin in his life.

Which of these steps would be the hardest for you to take to deal with sin in your life and why?

• Read: Luke 6:41-42

Galatians 6:1

John 8:3-11

“If I sin, I want you to help me, not get back at me. If I fail, that is exactly when I need you to do better, not worse.” — Dr. Henry Cloud

The sad part of this story is that these religious men went away without taking ownership of their own sin. They just dropped their stones and walked away. If they

had dropped their stones, confessed their sins, repented of their sins and then returned to God, they would have away as this woman did...free!

Have you ever felt like you are the judge of another? That you would never do what that person did? And then you did exactly what you said you would never do. Share about the situation and the life lesson that God taught you as you went through confessing, repenting and returning back to God.

• Read: Psalm 139:24

What is the sense of doing a few religious things if we are not willing to deal with the thing that keeps us from knowing and experiencing freedom in Christ?

What are you lying about? You know what it is. God knows what it is. Probably no one else knows. Why carry continue to carry this burden? Why allow it to ruin you? Do you refuse to own your sin because of pride? Shame? Denial... thinking one day I will deal with my sin but not today? Sin is serious. It is serious because it separates us from God. Think of all which represents God in our lives: Peace... your sin keeps you from this. Hope... your sin keeps you from this. Heaven... your sin keeps you from this.

What sin are you quietly entertaining, believing it to be no big deal? While it may not be immediately evident, consider what you could be missing out on because you’re holding on to that sin. Confess that sin to God today and ask Him to help you turn away from it once and for all. Pray together, for each other.

PERSONAL REFLECTION / CHALLENGE

Start each day by reading aloud Psalm 139:24 and allow for time to listen to what God speaks to your heart. Pray and ask God for the means to take the steps He is calling you to take so that you may follow His leading in your life.

THIS WEEK'S MISSIONARIES

Please keep our missionary family in Northern Asia in your prayers as this week’s highlighted missionaries.

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